

News & Notes

Men's Class: Today at the building (4:30pm).

Young Adult Study: This Friday, March 27th, at the Sheffield's' residence (7:30PM).

Kid's Review Class: April 5th, shortly after the PM service.

Afternoon Singing: Next one will be on Sunday, April 12th, at 5PM.

Ladies' Bible Study: The next class will be held at Angela Wisdom's home on April 13th (7pm).

Prayer Requests: *Our brethren:* Kayla Cunningham, Marian Church, Mildred Church, Vivian Dillman (Has been sick lately), Mary Henderson (Recovering well), Ruth Miller (Recovering well from shoulder surgery), Butch Morgan (Making some progress, but still suffering from pain), Dottie Reynolds, Wayne Ryland, and Larry Wisdom (Has been ill). *Please keep these folks in prayer and reach out to them for encouragement (A little can go a long way).*

Our friends and family: Please continue in prayer for Larry Wisdom's mother (Canera Wisdom), Naydene Fields, Hal Lewis, Gary Jones, Pat Dickey, Joan Mott (A friend of the Days), Heather Tyre, and Waylon Townsend.

Group Meeting: Group (2) meets tonight after worship.

Out of Town: Terrelle Lawson, Kirk Marschall, Chet & Danielle Sheffield are traveling.

Today will conclude *our Men's classes for a while.* Beginning next month we will provide an opportunity (for a man of the congregation) to preach the 4th Sunday of each month (During the PM service). If you would like to present a lesson, please see the elders and let your request be known.

Gospel Meeting: The Plant City church of Christ's meeting starts today & runs through Friday.

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 3/25/15

Song Leader: Clay Sadler
 Opening Prayer: Charles Goodall
 Invitation: Butch Morgan
 Announcements: Bob Marschall
 Closing Prayer: Jordan Lawson
 Parking Lot: Larry Hicks

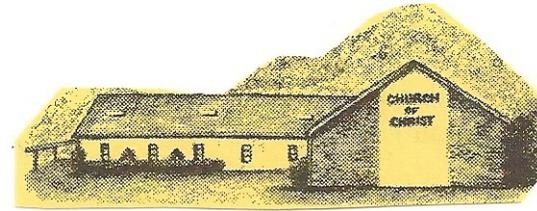
Sunday Evening: 3/29/15

Song Leader: Keith Marschall
 Opening Prayer: Colby Sadler
 Lord's Table: Charles Rawdon
 Announcements: Leon Miller
 Closing Prayer: Jim Elliot
 Parking Lot: Larry Hicks

Sunday Morning: 3/29/15

Lord's Table: Charles Rawdon (B)
 Ben Cunningham (C)
 Serving: Eddie Lawson
 Trent Stevens
 Song Leader: Larry Wisdom
 Opening Prayer: Bob Marschall

Announcements: Leon Miller
 Closing Prayer: Clay Sadler
 Parking Lot: (9:00) David Williams
 (9:50) Mike Sadler



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SERVICES

Sunday
 Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
 Morning Services 9:50 A.M.
 Evening Services 6:00 P.M.
 Wednesday
 Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

DEACONS:

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“Failing to be Involved”

"Ye take too much upon you." These words were hurled at Moses and Aaron by Korah and those who stood with him (Exo. 16). This thought was the springboard for the things faithful preachers confront today when they preach the truth, without addition or subtraction. Some people accuse brethren of taking too much authority and, on occasions, this could be so. We need to be careful and not give others this impression. On the other hand, things must be done and someone must do the work, if such things are accomplished. The love for brethren and the spirit of Christ should govern our views in such matters and eliminate any possible ill will. However, while some might feel that some brethren take too much upon themselves, there are others who could care less. As long as they do not have to do the work, they are not overly concerned with what is done or who does it. This is a poor attitude and it exists too often. God's people should always want to be involved in the most glorious work available to men. Indifference can be tragic and will defeat most any project. The news media often speaks of crimes committed and people victimized because others did not want to become involved. This spirit can prevail within congregations and it certainly can be detrimental to what the Lord desires.

What Accounts For Brethren Failing To Be Involved In The Lord's Work?

Lack Of Faith. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom. 10:17). God's Word would have us to appreciate His work and be involved in it. Participants are what the Lord desires rather than spectators. When we really believe in God and what He would have us to be and do, there is no problem in being involved. Men deny this and accredit other sources for their behavior, but the lack of faith is the core of their problems. There is no sin more devastating than the sin of unbelief. Faith overcomes! "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh he world, even our faith"(1 Jno. 5:4). As our faith increases, our involvement in the work of the Lord will not fail, but be more active. It would appear that the brethren at Thessalonica were involved as they should be. Paul wrote of them: "Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope to our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father" (1 Thes. 1:3).

Feeling Unimportant: -- To an extent, every member is important in the Lord's design for His church. Abilities may vary with individuals, but there is need for every member. We have no right to feel that we have no importance. There are things that one individual can do that others do not possess the ability to perform. The parable of the talents conveys that thought. The one

talent man was condemned for not using his ability or for not becoming involved. What about Rom. 12:4,5? "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." Truly we are members one of another in the respected congregations and we need to be involved in the work of glory.

Fear: -- There are those who are evidently afraid to participate or really be involved. When the one talent man was called to answer for his failure, he admitted, "I was afraid" (Matt. 25:25). In Revelation, John speaks of those who will not overcome and inherit all things. He heads the list by saying: "But the fearful... shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8). Fear of responsibility and fear of failure can certainly affect involvement, but fear of God should cause us to defeat some fears and do what is expected of us. We readily acknowledge that different definitions of fear exist, but Solomon wrote: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccl. 12:13).

Resentment: -- Though it is childish and very contrary to the Spirit of Christ, brethren, in their resentment of other brethren, have been known to deny involvement. "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love: in honor preferring one another" (Rom. 12:10). With pure hearts and practicing what we

preach, there is no place for our failing to be involved. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Eccl. 9:10). Indifference and lack of zeal are certainly condemned in the Scriptures and will keep us out of heaven.

- Bobby K. Thompson

"The Urgency of Baptism"

Obviously, it's not very urgent to some, because they delay doing it. When you think you're saved without it, there's really no rush. That baptism IS an urgent matter can be seen from several examples in the Book of Acts.

When the people in Acts 2 wanted to know what to do to be saved, Peter said, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ..." (Acts 2:38). Those who "gladly received his word" didn't wait—they were baptized "that day" (Acts 2:41).

The people of Samaria weren't inclined to wait, either. "But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized" (Acts 8:12). Again, no delay—when they believed, they were baptized.

An Ethiopian treasurer learned the truth and was very anxious to be baptized. He said to Philip, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" (Acts 8:36). The treasurer confessed his faith in Jesus, and "both Philip and the Eunuch went down into the water, and

he baptized him" (Acts 8:38). The Lord sent Ananias to tell Saul what he "must do," and he made it clear: "Why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins" (Acts 22:16). Saul didn't wait—"he arose and was baptized" (Acts 9:18).

Paul and Silas preached the gospel to a Philippian jailer and his family (Acts 16:32), and here's the response: "And he (jailer) took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he (jailer) and all his family were baptized" (Acts 16:33).

Why were all these people baptized right away? It's really very simple. They had to be baptized to have their sins forgiven, or washed away (Acts 2:38; 22:16)—even though they had already confessed their faith in Jesus and repented of their sins. They clearly understood they could not be saved until they were baptized (1 Peter 3:21).

Do YOU need to be baptized for the remission of your sins? If you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and if you are willing to repent or turn from your sins, please don't wait. Do just what the people above did—do it immediately; do it today.

- Bryan Gibson